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SUBJ: DETENTION OF WESTERN JOURNALIST

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1. IMPERIAL ADVISER JOEL BARKAN TELEPHONED CHARGE 0900 JULY 29 TO SAY THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE EMPEROR ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE BRITISH CONSUL PRINCE IN BANGUI TO ASSIST WITH THE RELEASE OF GOLDSMITH. HE SAID THAT THE EMPEROR REQUESTED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ASK TO HAVE SOMEONE MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO DEAL WITH THE CASE. IT WAS, ACCORDING TO BARKAN, A MATTER OF PRESTIGE. CHARGE TOLD BARKAN THAT BRITISH HAD NOTIFIED CAE EMBASSY PARIS OF PRINCE'S VISIT JULY 22, ONE DAY BEFORE PRINCE'S ARRIVAL. BARKAN UNAWARE OF THIS AND EMPEROR OBVIOUSLY ALSO UNAWARE. BARKAN THOUGHT THAT BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR PRINCE TO DEPART AND RETURN AFTER PERMISSION OFFICIALLY REQUESTED FOR HIS VISIT.

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2. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION AMONG PRINCE, CHARGE AND BARKAN, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT SWIFTEST ROUTE TO RESOLUTION OF THE CASE WILL NOT BE TO ARGUE ABOUT WHETHER CAE WAS PROPERLY NOTIFIED OF PRINCE'S VISIT BUT FOR PRINCE TO LEAVE FOR NDJAMENA IMMEDIATELY AND FOR HMG TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO SEND PRINCE BACK TO HANDLE THE CASE. BEST METHOD TO INSURE TRANSMISSION WOULD BE FOR HMG TO GIVE CAE EMBASSY PARIS A MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED TO CAE FOREIGN MINISTER,

WITH COPY TRANSMITTED UNCLASSIFIED TO EMBASPY BANGUI FOR OUR INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE USE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND/OR BARKAN. ALSO ESSENTIAL TO HAVE TEXTS BY UNCLASSIFIED TELEGRAM OF NOTES ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO CAE EMBASSY PARIS.

3. PRINCE THEREFORE DEPARTING BANGUI 1320 LOCAL VIA UT772 FOR NDJAMENA. BEFORE DEPARTURE HE WILL TAKE LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY EMPHASIZING THAT GOLDSMITH IS BRITISH AND NOT SOUTH AFRICAN. (BANGUI 1589). SA COMPLICATION NOW SEEMS TO HAVE FADED.

4. CHARGE ALSO INFORMED BARKAN OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S DEMARCHE TO CAE AMBASSADOR BANDIOM BARKAN REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAS NOT YET RECEIVED BANDIO'S TELEGRAM BUT WILL TAKE IT TO EMPEROR IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT. BARKAN BELIEVES DEMARCHE WILL HELP SPEED THINGS UP.

5. EMPEROR WILL BE AT IMPERIAL PARK FROM SATURDAY THROUGH MONDAY NIGHT. COMMUNICATIONS THERE ARE DIFFICULT, SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MESSAGE REQUESTING PRINCE'S VISIT BE SENT CAE EMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATELY.

6. BARKAN SAID WE AND GOLDSMITH'S FAMILY SHOULD NOT WORRY ABOUT HIM; HE IS WELL, AND IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK THINGS OUT IN "FOUR OR FIVE DAYS," ACCORDING TO BARKAN.

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